GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:199
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2004
IMPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the current stock position and availability of sugar in domestic market;

(b) the total quantum of sugar production alongwith the likely shortfall during 2003-2004 as compared to previous year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase import of sugar/raw sugar to meet the shortfall;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to bring parity between domestic and import prices of sugar and increase the production of sugar?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 199 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19TH JULY, 2004 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): The estimated stock of sugar as on 1.7.2004 is 119 lakh M.Ts.

(b): The estimated production of sugar in the country during the current sugar season 2003-2004 (Oct. - Sept.) is 138.00 lakh tonnes as against estimated production of 201.00 lakh tonnes during the sugar season 2002-2003.

(c) & (d): In view of adequate stock of sugar in the country in 2003-2004 (sugar season) for domestic consumption, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(e): Sugar is on OGL (Open General License) and is freely importable as per the commercial prudence of the importers.